

Please replace the title with the following:

-ROTATING PLATE CARRIER FOR CHANGING FOCAL DISTANCE OF
OPTICAL CODE IMAGER--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/174,466, filed on
10/19/98.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-21 and 23-35 without prejudice to their previous
presentation in the parent application or presentation in this or other divisional applications.

Please add the following new claims

--36. (New) An optical system for a handheld optical code reader including an
image sensor, comprising:

an objective lens located in an optical path of the code reader for focusing an
image of an optical code onto the image sensor;

a carrier rotatable about an axis for carrying plural optical elements for
selective positioning in the optical path of the code reader, at least one of said optical
elements comprising a substantially transparent plano plate, which when placed in the
optical path changes the focal distance of the optical system;